

Transgender Equity Council Policy Subcommittee Minutes

Regular Meeting

May 24, 2021 - 01:00 PM

Online Meeting

Members Present: Emma Grey, Billie Kurek, Melissa Burner, Galen Mitchell, Mae Brooks, and Kenzie Weller (Quorum - 3)

Members Absent: KC Pavus

Others Present: Nadia Mohamed, Jae Spells

Staff : Track Trachtenberg

Call To Order - 1:08 PM

1. Roll Call.
2. Adoption of the agenda.
3. Acceptance of minutes

[Apr 26, 2021 Transgender Equity Council Policy Subcommittee](#)

Discussion

4. Community Safety
 1. Mental health team
 1. Last timing update would mean that the City had already selected a provider to respond to mental health crisis calls and they would be starting soon.
 2. Next steps – Track will confirm timing/potential for TEC involvement with Office of Performance and Innovation (and get any info possible on Traffic Enforcement Division)
 2. Traffic safety
 1. [Still in process](#); Office of Performance and Innovation will be reporting back to Council by the end of June
 3. Charter amendment
 1. City Council proposed amendment (by CMs Cunningham, Fletcher, and Schroeder) has been presented. It would remove MPD as a required department and create a Department of Public Safety with a Law Enforcement Division within it, and give both Mayor and Council jurisdiction over this department, as they have over all other City departments (but currently don't have over MPD)

1. CMs are committing to a community engagement process so that community input helps shape the ordinance that would create this new department
2. Soon to be presented:
 1. Community-proposed amendment (same as above except it does not require a Law Enforcement Division)
 2. Charter Commission-proposed amendment on restructuring City government so that more departments, not just MPD, are under the direct control of the Mayor
3. Any of these amendments would have to be put on the ballot and then receive the majority vote for them to be implemented next year. Unclear what happens if contradictory amendments both receive majority vote

5. Housing

1. Charter commission looking at rent stabilization amendment (week of 5/10), which will also then be on the ballot

6. Sex Work Decrim

1. Decrim Coalition is aiming for late summer/early fall for getting CM's to move on repealing the loitering ordinance. Clear roles for TEC there re: lobbying CM's. For now, continue to spread the word about SWOP's public education events

7. Panic Defense

1. Bill didn't get a hearing in committee and so is not moving forward at the state level this year
2. Next steps – TEC recommends that Intergovernmental Relations put this on their legislative agenda from the beginning next year

8. Starting to prep next year's recommendations

1. Next meeting, will start to compile recommendations so that process can start earlier this year!
2. Would be great to be able to pay a researcher to look at policies around trans/GNC folks in different municipalities nationwide – or is there already a report?
3. Next steps:
 1. Track will send out past recommendations
 2. Track will ask around for national policies
 3. TEC recommends funding for a national study if one does not exist

Adjournment - 1:50 PM

Notice:

Members of the Board may participate remotely by telephone or other electronic means due to the local public health emergency (novel coronavirus pandemic) declared on March 16, 2020, pursuant to

the provisions of MN Statutes Section 13D.021. A portion of this meeting may be closed to the public pursuant to MN Statutes Section 13D.03 or 13D.05.

To join the meeting as a member of the public, call 612-276-6670 and enter Conference ID: 120 813 281#

Next Transgender Equity Council Policy Subcommittee meeting: Jun 28, 2021

This meeting may be recorded. Recordings of public meetings are posted for public access through the City's Legislative Information Management System (LIMS), available at lims.minneapolismn.gov and from the City's YouTube channel. If you participate in the public meeting, the information you provide may be classified as public data pursuant to the Minnesota Government Data Practices Act; this could include, but not be limited to, the following:

- Your attendance at the meeting;
- Your name, residential address, email or phone number, or other personal contact details;
- Your comments at the meeting, whether part of a formal hearing or comment period or otherwise; and
- Any submissions you provide before or after the meeting which are included as part of the public record of the meeting.

A portion of this meeting may be closed to the public pursuant to MN Statutes Section 13D.03 or 13D.05.

For reasonable accommodations or alternative formats please contact the City Coordinator's Office at 612-673-3785 or e-mail RaceEquity@minneapolismn.gov. People who are deaf or hard of hearing can use a relay service to call 311 at 612-673-3000. TTY users call 612-263-6850. Para asistencia 612-673-2700 - Rau kev pab 612-673-2800 - Hadii aad Caawimaad u baahantahay 612-673-3500.